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Mr. David Cobrain  
New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)  
Hazardous Waste Bureau  
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RE: *Evaluation of the Response to the Disapproval for the Phase III Investigation Report for Delta Prime Site Aggregate Area at Technical Area 21, Los Alamos National Laboratory, EPA ID No. NM0890010515, HWB-LANL-14-076, Dated March 2, 2016.*

Dear Mr. Cobrain:

This letter addresses the review of risk assessment related issues addressed in the *Response to the Disapproval for the Phase III Investigation Report for Delta Prime Site Aggregate Area at Technical Area 21, Los Alamos National Laboratory [LANL]*. With the exception of the below, the responses to comments were adequate as presented.

The only issue is with the response to comment 13. LANL again clarified that removals were conducted for benzo(a)pyrene at locations 21-27520 and 21-27521. However, it appears confirmation samples were not conducted and the risks were evaluated excluding the hotspot data. Thus, it is not clear how LANL can demonstrate that sufficient removals were conducted in this area.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (801) 451-2864 or via email at [paigewalton@msn.com](mailto:paigewalton@msn.com).

Thank you,

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